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March 5, 2010

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REPORT ON USING CIVIC ART SPECIAL FUND FOR ARTS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM (ITEM NO. 14, AGENDA OF MARCH 2, 2010)

On March 2, 2010, on the motion of Supervisor Knabe, the Chief Executive Office was instructed to report back on available funding in the Civic Art Special Fund and inform the Board on the feasibility of using the Fund for the Arts Internship Program on a one-time basis.

We have been advised by County Counsel that under the Civic Art Policy, your Board can direct the Chief Executive Office to transfer funds from the Civic Art Special Fund to the Arts Commission operating budget to provide funding for the Arts Internship Program.

Our current analysis indicates that \$210,500 in the Civic Art Special Fund has yet to be allocated to specific projects. These funds were generated from the Civic Art fee that is applied to capital projects pursuant to the Civic Art Policy. The funds are maintained in separate Supervisorial District subaccounts based upon the location of the projects, which generated the Civic Art fees, as specified below.

• First District	\$ 12,750
• Second District	41,950
• Third District	34,000
• Fourth District	14,450
• Fifth District	<u>107,350</u>
Total	\$ 210,500

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The \$210,500 in unallocated funds are net of fees collected from Fire District and Public Works Building and Safety projects since use of those fees are restricted to purposes of the Special Districts.

Recognizing that your Board's original intent was to commit these funds to purposes of the Civic Art Program, the distribution of the available funds among Supervisorial Districts, and the inadequacy of the available funds to fully support the Arts Internship Program, diminish the appropriateness and feasibility of utilizing these funds to support the Arts Internship Program.

As alternatives to the Civic Art Special Fund, we are currently working with the Department of Community and Senior Services to identify any youth funds that may be available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to support the Arts Internship Program. In addition, the Arts Commission will continue to work with the Department of Human Resources and local colleges and universities to develop an arts internship for credit program and to recruit Community-Based Enterprise Education Programs and other participants for those who are interested in arts internships. We will report back during Budget Deliberations.

If you have any questions, please contact Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Ellen Sandt, at (213) 974-1186, or your staff may contact James Yun at (213) 893-2072.

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